

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior listings:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~A material for an~~ audio equipment housing, ~~characterized by, made of a material~~ comprising:

a biodegradable polymer compound;

an inorganic material; and

a hydrolysis inhibitor;

wherein,

the material has (a) a specific gravity of 1.3 g/cm³ or more, (b) a velocity of 1700 m/s or more, and (c) a dynamic elastic modulus (E(Pa)) of 4.0E +09 or more.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~The material for~~ audio equipment housing according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that: wherein~~ the biodegradable polymer compound is selected from the group consisting of polysaccharide, biodegradable polyester, polyamino acid, polyvinyl alcohol, polyalkylene glycol, a copolymer thereof, and of a mixture thereof.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~The material for~~ audio equipment housing according to claim 2, ~~characterized in that: wherein~~ the biodegradable polyester is selected from the group consisting of polylactic acid, polycaprolactone, polyhydroxybutyric acid, polyhydroxyvaleric acid, polyethylene succinate, polybutylene succinate, polybutylene adipate, polymalic acid, microbiologically synthetic polyester, a copolymer thereof, and of a mixture thereof.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~The material for~~ audio equipment housing according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that: wherein~~ the inorganic material comprises at least one member selected from aluminum hydroxide, magnesium hydroxide, calcium hydroxide, barium sulfonate, calcium carbonate, titanium oxide, alumina, mica, and talc.

5. (Currently Amended) The ~~material for~~ audio equipment housing according to claim 2, ~~characterized in that: wherein,~~ the inorganic material comprises at least one member selected from aluminum hydroxide, magnesium hydroxide, calcium hydroxide, barium sulfonate, calcium carbonate, titanium oxide, alumina, mica, and talc.

6. (Currently Amended) The ~~material for~~ audio equipment housing according to claim 3, ~~characterized in that: wherein,~~ the inorganic material comprises at least one member selected from aluminum hydroxide, magnesium hydroxide, calcium hydroxide, barium sulfonate, calcium carbonate, titanium oxide, alumina, mica, and talc.

7. (Currently Amended) The ~~material for~~ audio equipment housing according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that: wherein,~~ the hydrolysis inhibitor comprises at least one member selected from a carbodiimide compound, an isocyanate compound, and an oxazoline compound.

8. (Original) The ~~material for~~ audio equipment housing according to claim 2, ~~characterized in that: wherein,~~ the hydrolysis inhibitor comprises at least one member selected from a carbodiimide compound, an isocyanate compound, and an oxazoline compound.

9. (Currently Amended) The ~~material for~~ audio equipment housing according to claim 3, ~~characterized in that: wherein~~ the hydrolysis inhibitor comprises at least one member selected from a carbodiimide compound, an isocyanate compound, and an oxazoline compound.

10. (Currently Amended) The ~~material for~~ audio equipment housing according to claim 4, ~~characterized in that: wherein,~~ the hydrolysis inhibitor comprises at least one member selected from a carbodiimide compound, an isocyanate compound, and an oxazoline compound.

11-20. (canceled)

21. (Currently Amended) The material for audio equipment housing according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that: wherein,~~ the audio equipment is a television apparatus, a stereo apparatus, a radio cassette player, or a headphone.

22. (canceled)